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1. (previously presented) An electronic book device, comprising:

a portable housing; and

a processor in the housing and displaying content stored in a storage device by undertaking

at least one of: responding to plural input modes, and outputting the content using plural output

modes, wherein the processor responds to a graphics input mode by outputting content in a graphics

output mode using a graphic user interface, the processor also responding to an audio input mode by

outputting content in an audio output mode using an audio user interface.

(original) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plural output modes include at least visual 2.

graphics and sound, and the device includes at least one visual display and at least one audio speaker, both

being responsive to the processor for outputting content.

3. (original) The device of Claim 2, wherein the processor is responsive to user input selecting

an output mode.

(original) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plural input modes include at least graphics and 4.

sound, and the device includes at least one graphics input device and at least one audio input device, both

sending input signals to the processor.

(original) The device of Claim 4, wherein the processor is responsive to user input selecting 5.

an input mode.

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- 6. (cancelled).
- (previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the user interfaces run simultaneously with each other.
- 8. (previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the processor receives for storage annotations from a user-selected one of the user interfaces.
- 9. (previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the processor is programmed to allow a user to navigate through the content using a user-selected one of the user interfaces.
- 10. (original) The device of Claim 8, wherein the annotations are associated with user-selected portions of content.
- 11. (previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the processor receives for storag annotations from a user-selected one of the user interfaces and updates the other user interface with the annotations.
- 12. (previously presented) The device of Claim 1, wherein the processor is programmed to allow a user to navigate through the content using a user-selected one of the user interfaces to render a navigation result, the processor updating the other user interface with the navigation result.

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13. (previously presented) An electronic book, comprising:

content stored in at least one data storage;

at least one abstract interface accessing the data storage;

at least an audio user interface communicating with the abstract interface; and

at least one graphics user interface communicating with the abstract interface, the abstract

interface receiving user input commands from the audio user interface and updating the graphics user

interface in response thereto, the abstract interface receiving user input commands from the graphics

user interface and updating the audio user interface in response thereto, wherein

the audio user interface and graphics user interface establish tangible interfaces, and for each

tangible interface the abstract interface stores information including a current position in content being

rendered and/or a spanning region of the content being rendered, such that first and second output

threads are run simultaneously with each other, the abstract interface also determining positions at

which tangible interfaces should pause when required to coordinate the multiple output modes.

14. (original) The book of Claim 13, wherein the book includes at least one visual display

associated with the graphics user interface and at least one audio speaker associated with the audio user

interface.

15. (previously presented) The book of Claim 14, wherein content is output in a graphics output

mode using the graphics user interface, content also being output in an audio output mode using the audio

user interface.

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- 16. (original) The book of Claim 15, wherein the user interfaces run simultaneously with each other.
- 17. (original) The book of Claim 15, wherein the annotations from a user-selected one of the user interfaces are stored in the book.
- 18. (original) The book of Claim 15, wherein a user navigates through the content using a user-selected one of the user interfaces.
- 19. (original) The book of Claim 17, wherein the annotations are associated with user-selected portions of content.
- 20. (original) The book of Claim 15, wherein the abstract interface updates one of the user interfaces in response to commands received from the other user interface.

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